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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1207

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: QADHAFI COMMENTS ON FEDAYEEN AT PARTY CONGRESS

REF: TRIPOLI 1182

1. ON OPENING DAY OF ASU CONGRESS, QADHAFI DISCUSSED LIBYAN TRAINING OF FEDAYEEN AFTER OCTOBER WAR. HE HAD CALLED ON LIBYAN YOUTH TO VOLUNTEER FOR GUERRILLA TRAINING, AND THEY HAD COME FORWARD BY THOUSANDS, QADHAFI CLAIMED. THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED AND ARMED AT GREAT EXPENSE, AND SENT ACROSS BORDER TO EGYPT. IN EGYPT THEIR MISSION HAD BEEN "DELAYED", AND THEY HAD COME HOME WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING. QADHAFI ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO BRING ABOUT UNITY BETWEEN FEDAYEEN FACTIONS, NOTABLY PFLP-GC OF AHMED JABRIL AND PLO. THERE HAD BEEN A BRIEF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO UNDER HIS AUSPICES HE SAID, BUT IT HAD COME APART.

2. COMMENT: IN HIS REMARKS ON PLO AND PFC-GC, QADMAFI AVOIDED TAKING SIDES, AND PLACED NO BLAME. THIS SQUARES WITH OUR FEELING AND THAT OF OTHER OBSERVERS HERE THAT QADHAFI DOES
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NOT WANT TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN

"MODERATES" AND "HARDLINERS" IN PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT,
AND THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO BURN HIS BRIDGES TO
EITHER CAMP AT MOMENT. PFLP-GC HAS HAD ITS OWN
REPRESENTATIVE IN TRIPOLI (TRIPOLI 686) AND PFLP-
GC HARDLINE SUITS LIBYAN REGIME, BUT THIS
APPARENTLY DOES NOT PREVENT CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH
ARAFAT.
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